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Letter dated 9 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to refer to the letter dated 10 February 2017 from the representative of the Israeli regime, containing unsubstantiated allegations against my country (see S/2017/123). While I categorically reject the misleading information, lies and allegations contained in that letter, I also wish to bring the following to your attention:

1. The above-mentioned letter is replete with baseless speculations about the name, range, performance and technical characteristics of a missile. The letter, once again, shows that the officials of the Israeli regime find no limits in lying and engaging in disinformation campaigns against Iran.

2. As the armed forces of almost all States possess some kind of missile to meet the requirements of their defence forces, Iran's indigenous missiles are an indivisible part of its conventional deterrence and defensive capabilities. No universal norm, treaty or agreement bans or limits the development and testing of missiles equipped with conventional capabilities for self-defence requirements. Moreover, nothing in the Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) prohibits Iran's conventional missile activities. In this context, any demand for the cessation of Iran's legitimate and conventional defence activities is groundless and unwarranted.

3. The Israeli regime's entire history is full of aggression against its neighbours and other countries in the Middle East region and beyond — at least 14 times since 1948. In contrast, Iran has not attacked any country in the past two centuries. Given such a dark track record, plus the threats and intimidations that we are facing on an almost daily basis from this regime (please refer to my letter dated 19 May 2015 (S/2015/353)), the hysterical attempts by the Israeli regime to seek international sympathy and favour by claiming that it is in fact the one that is under threat are nothing but manipulative propaganda.

4. Furthermore, Israel continues to flout all international regimes governing weapons of mass destruction by refusing to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention, and thereby is the only obstacle lying in the way of establishing a zone free from weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. Indeed, nuclear weapons in the hands of this regime pose the most serious threat to the security of all States in the Middle East and to the non-proliferation regime. The Security Council has the responsibility to effectively address this threat.

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5. The next time that the Permanent Representative of the Israeli regime decides to accuse others of the violation of Security Council resolutions, he should remember that his regime has arrogantly and flagrantly violated at least 86 resolutions adopted by the Security Council as a result of Israel's acts of aggression and occupation, as well as its well-documented atrocities and war crimes against the Palestinian people. Just to refresh memories, the growing list of Security Council resolutions utterly violated by Israel consist of the following: 54 (1948), 89 (1950), 93 (1951), 100 (1953), 101 (1953), 106 (1955), 111 (1956), 119 (1956), 171 (1962), 228 (1966), 233 (1967), 234 (1967), 236 (1967), 237 (1967), 242 (1967), 248 (1968), 250 (1968), 251 (1968), 252 (1968), 256 (1968), 259 (1968), 262 (1968), 265 (1969), 267 (1969), 270 (1969), 271 (1969), 279 (1970), 280 (1970), 285 (1970), 298 (1971), 313 (1972), 316 (1972), 317 (1972), 332 (1973), 337 (1973), 347 (1974), 425 (1978), 427 (1978), 446 (1979), 450 (1979), 452 (1979), 465 (1980), 467 (1980), 468 (1980), 469 (1980), 471 (1980), 476 (1980), 478 (1980), 484 (1980), 487 (1981), 497 (1981), 501 (1982), 509 (1982), 515 (1982), 517 (1982), 518 (1982), 520 (1982), 521 (1982), 573 (1985), 592 (1986), 605 (1987), 607 (1988), 608 (1988), 611 (1988), 636 (1989), 641 (1989), 672 (1990), 673 (1990), 681 (1990), 694 (1991), 726 (1992), 799 (1992), 904 (1994), 1073 (1996), 1322 (2000), 1402 (2002), 1403 (2002), 1405 (2002), 1435 (2002), 1544 (2004), 1701 (2006), 1860 (2009) and 2334 (2016). This appalling track record is enough to leave no moral standing or credibility for the Israeli regime to render judgment about others' alleged violations of Security Council resolutions.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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